

Mr. Marvin Powell  
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On September 27, 2008, a healthy, 41 year old employed man, Marvin Powell saw a chiropractor for pain in his mid-back, arm and numbness in his right leg. By the last of three visits there, he had numbness in both legs. On October 14, 2008, Mr. Powell saw another chiropractor.

The notes of the second chiropractor show that "Mr. Powell presents with severe mid-back and rib cage pain, difficulty in ambulation, forward posture to avoid severe pain. Unable to lay down supine or prone. No known cause. Middle back pain started approximately 3 weeks ago, no apparent injury or accident. Progressively got worse and had to leave work early due to severity of pain today."

The chiropractor determined that Mr. Powell probably had a ruptured disk in his neck and despite the fact that by statute chiropractors are not allowed to treat disk pathology the chiropractor snapped Mr. Powell's neck to the left and the right causing Mr. Powell to experience immediate spread of his numbness and tingling, increased weakness in his legs and dramatic pain. The chiropractor did not call an ambulance or offer Mr. Powell any other assistance other than to tell Mr. Powell to get some muscle relaxers from his family doctor and to return for more manipulations

Marvin Powell drove himself home and by the time 911 arrived, about an hour later, he was in the worst pain of his life and could not walk. Marvin Powell was transported by stretcher to the Emergency Department reporting that his legs were numb. Mr. Powell was crying. Two hours later Mr. Powell was numb from his chest down. An MRI demonstrated a large ruptured disc crushing the spinal cord in his neck. Mr. Powell was transferred for emergency surgery.

Mr. Powell is disabled, he will never walk independently again. He will never have control his urine (he self catheterizes several times per day) or his stool and he is on the brink of being homeless.

#### **MR. POWELL'S REQUEST:**

Vote no on all these bills. They do nothing for patient safety or to reduce medical errors. The chiropractor has admitted that by law she isn't allowed to treat disk disease, and she thought I had a ruptured disk but she has already testified she thought she was helping me by possibly reducing my pain. Instead of sending me to a real doctor for diagnosis and treatment, she caused a traumatic rupture of my cervical disk permanently injuring my spinal cord. If you vote yes the judgment rule will end my case, I will be on the street where I will risk an early death. The other provisions in these bills will do nothing but transfer the obligation of meeting my needs to the backs of Medicare or Medicaid (the citizens of Michigan) and remove it from the chiropractor's insurance company who collected money and took the risk of this when they sold the insurance policy to the negligent chiropractor.

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